

PREFACE

Field Office Technical Guide

The Montana Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) is an essential reference for those individuals concerned with resource conservation in Montana. The FOTG contains specific information dealing with the conservation and management of natural resources.

The FOTG is designed to be used by conservationists who are assisting landowners, land managers, or responsible officials to plan, apply, and maintain resource management systems.

The FOTG contains five sections:

Section I – General Resource References

Section II – Natural Resources Information

Section III– Resource Management
Systems and Quality Criteria

Section IV– Practice Standards and
Specifications

Section V– Conservation Effects

All the data and references in the FOTG are materials that help the conservationist develop a range of alternative responses to a resource concern and assess the effects of each. The conservationist can develop a good understanding of nature's relationships between resources, between cause and effect, between action and inaction, and most of all between people and their environment.

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